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## TELEGRAMS.

(From Singapore Papers).

## CATHOLIC DISABILITIES.

LONDON, November 27th.  
Mr. Gladstone's Bill to permit a Catholic to be English Chancellor or Vicar of Inland has been read the first time.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. FIELDING Clarke leaves to-morrow for a week's shooting at Swatow.

The pony auction, advertised for 4.30 p.m. to-day has, we are informed by Mr. Lamont, been unavoidably postponed until Wednesday, the 10th inst.

We are informed by the agents of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Florina*, from Trieste, left Singapore for this port to-day.

An Emergency meeting of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Tristated in a Scotch paper that fifteen guardians of the peace were to leave Dundee bound for Hongkong early in November.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Polyphemus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning, and is due on the 13th inst.

The *Madras Mail* says that there is a possibility of Lord Harris being transferred to Madras. The name of Sir Cecil Raikes and Sir John Gorst have been mentioned in connection with the vacancy.

A MARINE Court of Inquiry will be held at the Harbour Master's office on Monday the 8th inst. at 10.10 a.m., when the circumstances attending the stranding of the steamship *Pamphoskire* will be inquired into.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30.

THE decrease of revenue from "Peter's Pence" has been so marked that the Pope has found it necessary to withdraw certain investments in order to meet the expenses necessary for maintaining the establishment, whose cost has heretofore been defrayed out of the "Peter's Pence."

THE programme of the Recreation Club's forthcoming aquatic carnival has been issued and contains at events to be completed for on the 18th and 19th inst. Eleven races come off on the first day and ten on the second, and judging from the interest that is being taken, in the different events the regatta should be a most successful one.

THUS an Australian Exchange:—"A bookmaker, accustomed to betting on horses, went to a courting match the other day, and for one trial he laid 6 to 4 against each dog. A friend who knew all about the game said to him, 'Why, you fool, don't you see that whichever dog wins you must lose 3/2?' 'That be damned,' rejoined the bookmaker, 'Ain't I got the hare going for me?' 'The hare may be true, but you can safely affirm that you never met a "bookie" of this verdant hue in that country, too, and your wanderings there were pretty extensive too.

We are in receipt of the *Annuaire* of the Berlin Foundling House, which is conducted by the Rev. F. E. W. Hartmann in this country. The institution is supported by public subscription and is really deserving of all the aid that can be afforded it. The donations for the current year amount to \$1,426, not too large a sum to enable the successful carrying on of the Home which now contains some 81 inmates. The superintendent while returning thanks to those who have hitherto supported the institution so liberally, hopes that the charity inclined will remember that it is at this season of the year that funds are most needed.

THE New York *World* says: The police were at the Standard Theatre last night prepared to take action in the matter of Miss Sibyl Johnston's remarkable address in "The Clemenceau Case." Acting Captain Schmittberger, Detective Hayes and Detective Brett, represented the outraged city. Miss Johnston's performance was so startling as on the preceding evening. She wore no corsets, while the chest and lower limbs were tightly incased in silk jersey. Miss Johnston smiled and seemed to be perfectly at ease. The police could find nothing that they could reasonably do. Miss Johnston herself was of the opinion that the drapery used by Miss Eytling was more indecent than the absence of drapery that she herself affected. The house was, of course, packed.

AT the Police Court this morning, the adjourned case of the Chinese boy Wong Cheung who is charged with having stabbed a Portuguese youth named Colloço, was before Mr. Wodehouse. Doctor Aikinson gave evidence as to the serious nature of the wound, and stated that although Colloço was now convalescent he could not say that the patient had recovered from the effects of the wound itself, which had been inflicted in a vital region. The accused after being duly cautioned stated that it was not he who had stabbed Colloço, but a youth named Acham. The boys had conspired against him. His Worship committed the prisoner for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

In the retrospect of a few years how appalling is the list of celebrities of the Victorian era—epoch-making men—who have passed away; and yet death must reap a larger harvest still. Those who stand foremost now in literature and politics are men far advanced in the score and yellow leaf of nature's autumn, and cannot long live with us. Take a couple of them. In December next Mr. Gladstone will have completed his 81st year. He is a great man still—a political giant to be reckoned with—but the report comes from Midlothian that he is haggard and weary-looking, "broken with the storm of State" to an extent which evoked sympathy. Three-fellings has ceased again, Lord Tennyson, who is a year younger, is unable now to face an English winter, and goes south in search of more genial climates. Yet a little while, and "a necessary end will come when it will come."

The following is from a late Glasgow paper and although there is a deal of truth in what James says, still we doubt if he would really resign the sword for the staff. Soldiers may be bad enough but it is "Ain't" a circumstance compared with the misery and misfortune (hand-maidens of the craft) that ultimately overtakes the mistaken poet.

## A WARRIOR'S REWARD IS THE WORK-HOUSE.

Friendless, forsaken, and wretched they lie. The men who have fought, and gained Britain's proud fame, who are incorporated in Mr. Abrahamson's report have received the estimated 400 pence in the form of a shed. Shipment of a portion of this should take place in the early spring and be completed by the end of May, the cost of the crop is great but the amount at debt of working account a certain proportion, say \$20,000, belongs to the expenditure on the 1891 crop, but against that we must remember it is estimated a sum of about \$100,000 had been lost in the late crop and ship of the crop the quality of the last is reported to be good and the weight is light which means, I am told, a tobacco of a finer texture and consequently of a high value. I can only hope that this may be so. For 1891 crop 160 fields have been filled. With regard to the negotiations which we were empowered at the meeting of 6th October to enter into with a view to amalgamating this company with others, I regret to say that so far nothing definite has been arrived at but communications are still going on and we hope that something may yet be arrived at by which this company along with the Laming and Seng

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

We are requested to state that there will be a game of football, Club v. Military, at the race-course on Monday, the 8th inst. Play will commence at 4.30 p.m. sharp, and it is desired that members be punctual.

The Manager of the Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Company, Limited, issued an express to the following effect to-day:—"Communication with Yokohama, Tokio and other places in Japan, north of Higo, has been interrupted since this morning. Restoration shortly expected."

GENERAL (to old soldier) "How many years service have you?" "Seventeen years, sorr!" "Dear me, dear me, seventeen years' service, and no good conduct stripes! Well, I never came across a man with such long service, and yet without any good conduct stripes!" "And I never came across a General without a medal before!" He was actually court-martialled and his funeral's to-morrow.

THE Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Chinese Consul at Yokohama, have come to an understanding relative to the treatment of Chinese and Japanese sailors wrecked on each other's shores. The gist of the agreement is as follows:—(1) Any Japanese subjects who are wrecked on any part of the Chinese dominions are to render all possible assistance to them, and provide them with the necessities of life, until such time as help can reach them from their own authorities; and Chinese subjects castaway on Japanese shores are to be similarly treated by the Japanese. All expenses in such cases are to be defrayed by the Power whose subjects have been thus relieved. (2) Whenever information is sent to a Chinese or Japanese official regarding a shipwreck within his jurisdiction, such official will at once despatch a deputy to the scene of the occurrence to render all the help in his power to the distressed people. The expenses of such a journey shall be borne by the Government of the country in which the wreck occurs, except in the case of special telegrams or dispatches, the cost of which shall be borne by whoever such telegram or dispatch may be sent to. (3) Whenever ships are wrecked and property of any kind is saved, the claimant shall in all cases pay all expenses incurred in the saving, before he gets possession of the property. Our Oriental friends have yet to explain where the necessity for such a convention at this, the tail end of the 19th century, comes in.

EVER since that ill-starred day when Eve "did eat" the problem as to the manner in which man should most effectually subjugate woman, has agitated and puzzled all the peoples of the earth. The savage has solved it in one way, and the London "coaster" in another, but we think the palm must be awarded to the descendants of Han, or at least to that representative of the race who appeared before Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court this morning, charged with having most insultingly ill-treated his wife at Yau-mai the other day. It appears the couple had been but a short time married and not being able to agree like the proverbial doves the woman grew tired, and went to live in one of the many "gilded halls" that flourish in Wanchai. "Hubby" on learning the whereabouts of his faithless one proceeded to the house in question and after paying the mistress thereof the sum of eight shillings of silver was allowed to take the woman away. Upon reaching home he proceeded to the "hot act" and this is how he is reported to have done it.—Binding the unfortunate creature hand and foot he commenced to apply burning "joss" sticks to her back, thighs etc. until the woman was badly injured. Her mother hearing of it, reported the matter to the police who had the man arrested and the woman removed to the Government Civil Hospital. When arrested the prisoner stated what he had done was only a Chinese custom, but this morning he told the Magistrate that after having had a quarrel with his wife he had inflicted on himself. Doctor Aikinson of the Government Hospital (where the woman now is) testified that the patient was suffering from a number of very painful burns on different parts of her body. The case was remanded until 10 o'clock on Monday next.

## THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The second ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above named company was held at the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-day. Mr. B. Layton presided and amongst those present there were Messrs. H. Dalrymple, C. S. Sharp, E. E. Abrahamson (Directors); H. Wicking, C. F. Harton, J. B. Gomes, S. Noronha, C. J. Hirst, etc.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I am sorry to say that owing to unavoidable causes the report and accounts of this company have been held a short time in your hands but it is perhaps of less consequence for during the past year or so there have been several meetings of the shareholders to consider the affairs of the Company which unfortunately have been and still continue to be a very anxious and unsatisfactory nature, and at the last extraordinary general meeting held on the 6th October a very full statement of the position was put before you. The Report of Mr. Abrahamson attached to the accounts gives you details of the work done, and I don't know that very much is to be added to that at present. The 1889 crop was very small in quantity but its quality was good and the price realized for the best quality was excellent, nor is there much to grumble at in that obtained for the second, but the dollar result was seriously interfered with by the high rate of exchange at which the proceeds were converted. The 1890 crop, when we last met, was expected to yield fully 500 piculs, but last advice from the Estate which was incorporated in Mr. Abrahamson's report have reduced the estimated 400 piculs in the form of a shed. Shipment of a portion of this should take place in the early spring and be completed by the end of May, the cost of the crop is great but the amount at debt of working account a certain proportion, say \$20,000, belongs to the expenditure on the 1891 crop, but against that we must remember it is estimated a sum of about \$100,000 had been lost in the late crop and ship of the crop the quality of the last is reported to be good and the weight is light which means, I am told, a tobacco of a finer texture and consequently of a high value. I can only hope that this may be so. For 1891 crop 160 fields have been filled. With regard to the negotiations which we were empowered at the meeting of 6th October to enter into with a view to amalgamating this company with others, I regret to say that so far nothing definite has been arrived at but communications are still going on and we hope that something may yet be arrived at by which this company along with the Laming and Seng

Koyah may find capital to work the estates, for unless some money is found, and that soon, the Estate will have to cease work altogether. It is very disappointing that the scheme proposed by Mr. Stokes for organizing a Company in London should have hung fire so long, but as you are aware financial affairs have not been favourable for such enterprises, our last advice still hold out some hope, but it will be evident to you that the embarrassed state of our finances will not admit of delay. The accounts are made up to 31st October and embrace 13 months, we considered it better to get the figures as near date as possible and I may tell you that our position is as nearly as possible as usual. We have to-day a Debt Balance of 2,305.

Debtors Debt.....	14,500
London Agents.....	5,000
Paper Money & Sundry Creditors.....	3,500
	\$23,005

Against this, value of the Crop, less Expenses, say.....\$12,000

We have had a very anxious time to find funds for the Company, and it has been due to London agents that any monies have been forthcoming to carry on the work of the company to the present point and if the negotiations, at present going on, fall through the Company must cease work and wind up its affairs, and unless we hear of something very shortly the time will be past for attempting planting for next season.

Continuing, the speaker said, I am very sorry that the directors had such an unfortunate account to lay before the shareholders. There have been some abnormal expenses and some, too, which were heavy and at the same time unavoidable. The principal item I would draw attention to is expense incurred in procuring coolies, namely, \$7,657.84. This outlay was quite unavoidable for the engagement of coolies for Borneo is accompanied with very great difficulties. Another item is that of close on \$4,000 for the medical department. It includes the feeding of and medicines supplied to coolies while in hospital. You must there will be less sickness in future. At present, the coolies are but 16 men high. The climate of Borneo is unhealthy but its ill-effects on the coolies shows a marked diminution of late. The fact remains that a great deal of money has been spent and nothing, on next to nothing, done. Tobacco planting in Borneo has turned out to be much more expensive than was anticipated. Negotiations are in train, as you know, for the transfer of our property to a London company, and we can only hope for success in that direction.

Mr. Wicking:—It was my intention to ask one or two questions in reference to the accounts but as the Chairman has dealt so fully and satisfactorily with them I shall not now do so. We, like all other pioneers, have had to gain experience and we have bought it at a substantial price. Probably the new London company will be fortunate and reap the fruits of that which we have sown.

Mr. Gomes:—I think the Hongkong management is not to blame for our unfortunate position. It is those in charge at Sandakan who, by giving us the warning which they did not do—could have caused us to sell out sooner. They should not have kept us in ignorance so long.

The Chairman:—Meetings were held last January when the affairs of the company were gone into at considerable length.

Mr. Gomes:—What I submit is, that had we been fully informed at an earlier date we would have stopped our expenses in Borneo a good deal sooner.

Mr. Abrahamson:—In answer to Mr. Gomes, I must say that we have done all we could in this respect. Had Mr. Gomes been there and seen the manager at work and the deep interest he evinces in his duty he would probably take a very different view of the management at Sandakan.

Mr. Wicking:—You will remember, Mr. Chairman, that you told us last year that the crop would fetch \$15,000, but that was not realized. Mr. Abrahamson:—No, for the reason that that statement was based on well-founded hopes entertained at that time. Circumstances over which we had no control altered the case.

The Chairman:—I move the adoption of the report. There is no good in discussing the matter any further.

Mr. Wicking:—I agree with the Chairman and beg to second the motion. Carried unanimously. Messrs. B. Layton and C. S. Sharp were then re-elected Directors; and Messrs. G. Stewart and H. D. Mackintosh auditors, for the ensuing year.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Wicking, the proceedings terminated.

## THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

The adjourned annual meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the Hongkong Hotel this afternoon. Mr. B. Layton presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. D. R. Sassoon, C. S. Sharp (Directors), E. E. Abrahamson (general manager), W. Judd, A. B. Johnson, C. J. Hirst, H. Wicking, C. Fenwick, C. S. Balf, de W. Layton, S. J. Sassoon, S. Perry, W. Parlane, S. L. Darby, J. Wheeler, N. J. Robinson, S. A. Noronha, J. B. Gomes, L. Hallward, S. Joseph, J. A. Fredericks, F. Dodwell, C. Skerchey, etc.

The Chairman said, gentlemen, this meeting is called in accordance with the resolution passed on the 22nd November and during the fortnight which has elapsed you have no doubt considered the report of the committee you appointed to go into the working of the Company, and I shall be glad to hear any remarks anyone may care to make regarding same. Your Directors have to inform you that as regards the good-will Mr. Abrahamson is in communication with the partners in his late firm as to cancelling the fully paid up shares. As suggested by the committee, and there is little doubt but that the partners will meet the shareholders wishes in this respect so, therefore, that portion of the report may be considered as accepted. The Directors have received a letter from a shareholder commenting on several of the committee's recommendations and I shall be glad if he will state his views to the meeting or if he prefers I will read his letter. The points are worthy of consideration and it must rest with the shareholders whether they accept the committee's recommendation or with some modification. I may say that the legal steps for reduction of capital will prove rather expensive.

Continuing, the Chairman said, that if Mr. Hirst wished he could read his letter.

Mr. Hirst:—Yes, I wish to.

The Chairman then read the letter. Mr. Wicking proposed that the question of reduction of capital dwell on by Mr. Hirst, should stand over for a while. As to the Committee's report he as a component part of the Special Committee, would be glad to explain every detail in it to Mr. Hirst if that gentleman would call on him for that purpose. He had heard that a lot of the "wood" some 130 logs, sent up here were rotten, and utterly valueless—namely the shareholders were entitled to an explanation. The Chairman:—Explanation is due, but it is difficult to do so satisfactorily at the present time.

## THE GOOD-WILL.

Mr. Wicking urged that the \$70,000 for good-will should be reduced as soon as possible, and after that was done the Directors should settle about calling up the balance due from shareholders. After considerable discussion Mr. Abrahamson said, "with reference to the \$70,000 balance of good-will, I am pleased to be able to inform you that, so far, my efforts to induce my co-vendors to give up sufficient shares to wipe out this account have been successful. It must necessarily take some time to consult those at a distance. Reference was made at the last meeting regarding some \$30,000 which has already been written off good-will account. I think we must bear in mind that the prospectus invited intending shareholders to respect the statements of assets and liabilities, and that the sum was then shown as the surplus assets over liabilities. A valuator was called in to place the various assets at their proper value and they were so entered in closing the account. The figures were accurate. Many of the lands and concessions sold by the vendors to this company were obtained when the country was first opened up, and were previously either not entered among the assets or stood at a quite nominal value, and these were valued by the valuator for the purposes of stating the assets. As to the future working of the company, I think some of the suggestions of the committee will lead to placing the company on a better footing and which carried out will be very beneficial to us. We shall be able to show a balance on the right side of the account."

Mr. Wicking pointed out that Mr. Stokes had been a partner in Mr. Abrahamson's firm and that therefore he (the speaker) and several members considered it of order for him to be acting for the shareholders in the matter of the reduction of value of good-will.

The Chairman dissented from that view and maintained that Mr. Stokes had acted quite impartially.

Mr. N. J. Robinson suggested that the shareholders should not commit themselves to anything at present, further than the cancellation of the \$70,000 for good-will, and that they should send a representative down to Borneo with *carte blanche* to look into the company's affairs and report. Therefore the meeting should be adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. Wicking said such a report as referred to by Mr. Robinson had been made some time ago and he had doubts as to whether it should not be published.

The Chairman said he would be glad to show the report to shareholders.

After some further discussion it was understood that the \$70,000 for good-will should be written off the accounts in addition to the \$30,000 previously deducted.

## HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The Chairman notified the shareholders that he and his colleagues were of opinion that it would be well to call half-yearly meetings, and that the first meeting under the new system would be in May, 1891. This proposition met with general approval.

## REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

The question of reduction of capital was left to the discretion of the Board of Directors, upon the motion of Mr. Wicking, seconded by Mr. Fenwick.

## THE \$10 CALL.

Respecting the proposed call of \$10 per share there was a long and somewhat animated discussion. Mr. Paziano maintaining, amidst laughter, that if the \$10 were called but few of them would come in anyhow; while Mr. Wicking contended that the reluctance to meet the "call" was due to want of confidence in the manager. Mr. Abrahamson:—He thought that were a "call" of \$5 made on the 15th of March that it would be very fairly responded to—that would bring in \$30,000. Mr. Fenwick then "took up the running" and pointed out that some \$30,000 would be required in June '91 to meet the first cost of the company's tobacco lands. Finally the Chairman explained at considerable length the necessity for the "call" of \$5, and expressed his regret that it was a necessity. He called the shareholders' attention to the fact that the company's assets were considerable, and that but \$10 had as yet been paid up on the Company's \$100 scrip.

With a vote of thanks to the members of the Special Committee the proceedings terminated.

## MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee is a continuation of the report which appeared in our last night's issue:—

## THE PRISON SCANDAL.

The Chairman:—The next item is No. 9, Gao Extension, \$140,000, of which \$100,000 is asked for next year. This is a matter on which there is a great difference of opinion. So long ago as 1883 the Secretary of State, in a despatch of the 15th October, says he consents to a temporary postponement of the building, "although with some reluctance, as the desirability of erecting a new prison at Hongkong has long been recognized, and it must be understood that work cannot be indefinitely postponed." And His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, who has taken a great deal of personal interest in this matter, expresses himself in this way, that he does not hesitate to say the manner in which prisoners are clustered together in the same cell is a scandal, and if an epidemic were to break out the consequences would be most serious. Now, two projects have been submitted to the Secretary of State. One is to extend the present Gaol, and the other is to erect block buildings towards the west, but so far as I know no determination has been arrived at as to which of these two schemes, if either, should be adopted. The matter has been sent home to the Secretary of State and this item has been placed on the estimates in order to provide for the result of the Secretary of State's decision.

Hon. J. J. Kewick:—Well, sir, I regret that I cannot agree with the recommendation that the money be voted. I cannot, but I think with very considerable concern the freedom of the estimates, forgetting as I once before remarked in this Council, that the revenues of this colony are not by any means elastic, and there are no grounds whatever for supposing our revenue is going to increase at all. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe, I think, that from time to time there will be a very great contraction in our income. I can easily suppose that in the event of bad crops on the mainland, bad trade here, political difficulties, anything of that sort might react on Hongkong in such a manner that our revenue would be nothing like equal to our expenditure. And in reference to this particular item it appears to me that the proposal to build a new gaol at a cost of \$140,000 is something very excessive. I have not myself going through the gaol, therefore I am unable to say what the accommodation allotted to each prisoner may be, but it seems to me the proposal to expend \$140,000 in building a new prison when the one we have is amply qualified to receive the prisoners, is a waste of money. Personally I would propose that this sum be omitted from the estimates.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead:—I beg to second the hon. gentleman's proposal. I think the sums put down in this schedule before us are astounding, and, as the Secretary of State says, far in excess of the power of the department to make use of. I believe two Commissions have sat in connection with gaol extension, but so far I have not seen their reports. I think it would have been very desirable had those reports been placed on the table, so that we could have seen what recommendations were put forward by the two different commissions and have had something to be guided by. I second the hon. member's proposition.

Hon. C. P. Chater:—Sir, I have also to note my objection to this item, but on entirely different grounds from those taken by the two hon. members who have spoken. I think it is not a very good policy for the Government to come forward and ask us to vote large sums of money without our knowing whether the extension is to be effected by addition to the present gaol, by building a new gaol at West Point, or whether the thing is to be done at all or not. I am of opinion we should not be called upon for any vote whatever until the Government has made up its mind what is to be done and has plans made out and tenders called for. It is then we ought to be asked for the money. At present you yourself, sir, state that you do not know whether the hon. people are going to sanction any expenditure or whether they are going to order a new building altogether, and we are asked to vote this large sum of money without our having any knowledge of what is to be done. Under the circumstances I should feel myself called upon to oppose the vote. I think we should not be called upon to vote money until the Government is satisfied certain buildings should be put up, and has ascertained what the cost will be. I think the chances are that not a penny of this \$140,000 will be spent next year, but whether or not, why should we be asked to vote it to-day? I think it is committing the Colony in a way that might lead to our spending more than is requisite. I therefore object to the vote.

The Acting Attorney-General:—In 1886 or 1887 I was chairman of a committee appointed to visit the gaol. It was composed of the hon. member who has just spoken, the Hon. Mr. William Keswick, and several others. We visited the gaol in the day time and also at night, and I think we were very much astonished at seeing Chinamen huddled in cells as full as they could pack them. We made several recommendations, because we were very ill-disposed indeed to recommend any new buildings, and we thought if the law as to whipping were extended and whipping allowed for many other offences, and if not, a number of the inmates of the gaol might be diminished. We were all of opinion that what we saw was, I may say, scandalous, and that with the Chinese huddled together as they were, and with very few subjected to solitary confinement, the prison was not a very severe punishment for them. We were agreed something should be done, and we thought that, as I have said, whipping should be allowed in order to diminish the numbers. Most of the recommendations as to whipping were disapproved of by the Secretary of State, but from what we saw were clearly necessary something should be done. As far as I know the number of prisoners has not been diminished, and it is very desirable some punishment more deterrent than anything you have now should be applied to the Chinese. It is said solitary confinement would be a very severe punishment, but you cannot carry that out at present because there are not a sufficient number of cells. The Secretary of State from time to time has called attention to this matter. The reason for nothing having been done has been that there was no money. But I think you may find the Secretary of State may say that eight years' consideration of the matter is really sufficient and that something must now be done. Those who are interested in criminal matters and wish to see some more effective punishment introduced are of opinion solitary confinement would be effective. That being so, I think it was only reasonable and prudent for the Government to come forward to-day and as for this money, which we believe will be wanted for next year. We put the whole matter before you and give our reasons for wanting things done, some necessary, some more necessary than others. The whole is put before you in order that you may judge, and really among all these items there are few if any more requisite and necessary than the extension of the gaol.

Hon. P. Ryrie:—What will become of the Magistrate?

The Chairman:—I told you I was not quite sure which of the two plans would be adopted. One scheme is to extend the gaol over the site of the present Magistrate and the other to start a new block on the Pokfulam Road at West Point.

Hon. P. Ryrie:—Have you ground there?

The Chairman:—Yes, it has been reserved for the last ten years.

Hon. P. Ryrie:—And it is proposed to build a new gaol?

The Chairman:—A new block, not the whole gaol.

The Acting Attorney-General:—But when you have begun with one block you will have to go on.







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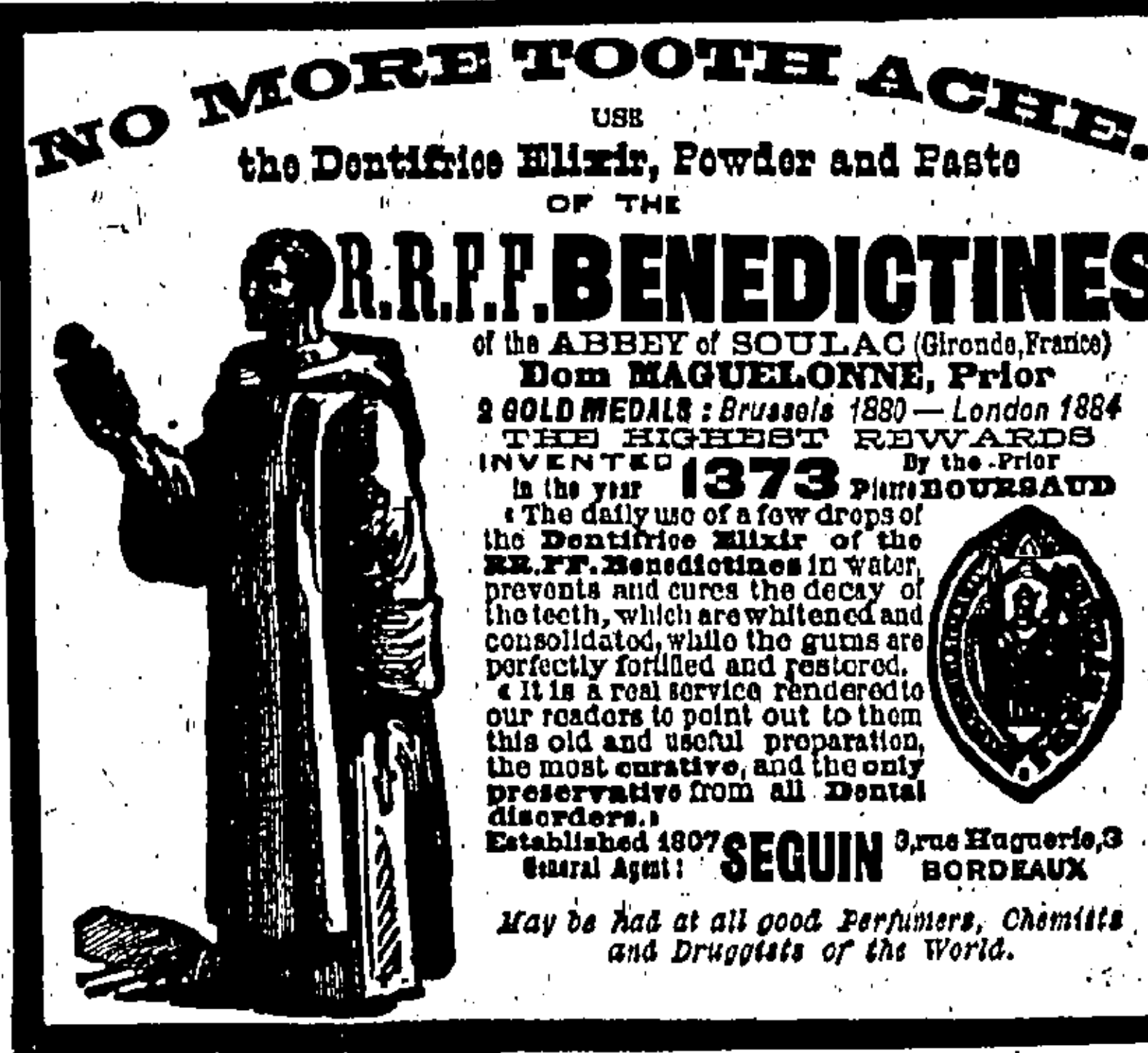
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